UNHCR Mali
FACTSHEET
March 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

12 Central African refugees voluntarily returned to their country of origin in CAR.

33 dignity kits distributed to survivors of GBV.

692 persons participated in awareness-raising sessions on GBV.

621 refugees households received non-food items kits.

POPULATION OF CONCERN AS OF 31 MARCH 2023,

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<th>Population Type</th>
<th>Sep-22</th>
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<td>*Malian refugees in asylum countries</td>
<td>181,266</td>
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<td>Malian refugees returnees (Government, DNDS)</td>
<td>84,806</td>
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<td>422,620</td>
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<td>IDP returnees (Government, DNDS)</td>
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<td>Refugees &amp; asylum seekers in Mali…</td>
<td>57,444</td>
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FUNDING AS OF 28 MARCH 2023

USD 66,409,511 requested for Mali

Unfunded 88% 58,713,274

Funded 12% 7,696,237

Staff, as of 31 March 2023:

- 74 National staff
- 28 International staff
- 12 Affiliate workforces

UNHCR Presence

Offices, as of 31 March 2023:
Five (5) offices and a field unit located in:
- Bamako (Country Office)
- Gao (Sub-Office)
- Menaka (Field Office)
- Mopti (Field Office)
- Timbuktu (Field Office)
- Kayes (Field Unit)
MAIN ACTIVITIES

PROTECTION

Legal protection

- In March, in Bamako, UNHCR received, advised, and guided three refugees (two men and one woman) and one asylum seeker following their needs including physical protection and financial assistance and information about resettlement.

- In March, UNHCR facilitated the approval of Conventional Travel Document (CTD) applications for two refugees in Bamako. This document allows a refugee to travel outside the country for work purposes.

- In March, UNHCR resolved 12 news requests for assistance through the Blue Hotline.

- The National Commission for Refugees (CNCR), UNHCR’s governmental partner, launched in March in Bamako an awareness campaign on the recognition of refugee documents. This awareness-raising specifically targets agents of the security forces and officials of financial institutions, with the aim of facilitating the freedom of movement of refugees and improving their access to economic opportunities.

- On 21 March in Kayes, UNHCR organized a training workshop on the international protection of refugees. 08 agents (including 2 women) from partner organizations CNCR and Stop Sahel took part in this workshop.

Community Mobilisation

- In Labbezanga (region of Gao), UNHCR organized two awareness-raising sessions on peaceful coexistence and child protection, reaching 127 refugees.

Education & Health

- In Koro, UNHCR and its partners organized remedial courses for 124 students refugees, in order to organize for them preparatory courses for the end-of-year exams.
During March, in Gao, UNHCR provided medical care for three refugees, including two girls and an elderly woman who underwent surgery.

UNHCR has trained 10 facilitators, including three women in Fulani literacy. This training will improve the capacity of the participants in the supervision of 237 internally displaced persons, including 166 women living in the IDP sites of Mopti.

**Gender-based violence**

- In Kayes, Koro, Douentza, and Ménaka, UNHCR provided psychosocial and medical care to eight GBV survivors (including IDPs and refugees), including three cases of forced marriage, two case of child marriage, one case of rape and one case of physical assault.

- During March, UNHCR and its partners conducted 29 awareness-raising sessions on gender-based violence, in Kayes, Koro, Douentza and Menaka, reaching 692 persons, including 388 women, 142 men, 120 girls and 42 boys. Most of the participants are refugees and internally displaced persons.

- In Kayes, Koro, Douentza and Menaka, UNHCR distributed 33 dignity kits to survivors of GBV and women and girls at risk of GBV.

- In March, UNHCR participated with the Malian authorities in the celebration of International Women's Day (8 March). This year's national theme is "Women, key actors, stand up for peace, security, social cohesion and reconciliation in Mali". In Bamako, Gao, Mopti, Timbuktu and Menaka the celebration was marked by official ceremonies with local authorities, the exhibition of stands of products made by displaced women, and awareness-raising sessions on women's rights.

**Child protection**

- In Mopti, UNHCR facilitated the acquisition of birth certificates for six children, including four boys and two girls. Three baby kits were distributed to two girls and one boy IDPs. Moreover, during the registration of refugees in Gossi (Timbuktu region), UNHCR identified 60 children without birth certificates. Arrangements will be made with government partners to find solutions to their situation.

- During March, UNHCR and its partners conducted awareness-raising sessions on basic rights of the child, in Djenné and Bankass (center regions) reaching 58 persons, including 42 girls, three men, three boys and two women.

**Statelessness:**

- As part of the naturalization of Mauritanian refugees in the Kayes region, 150 suppletive judgements were established for 82 minors (45 boys and 37 girls) and 68 adults (36 men and 32 women).

- In Kayes, in order to encourage refugees to declare new births, UNHCR has given baby kits to households that declared 23 new birth of children in their family.

**Durable solutions:**

**Voluntary Repatriation:**

- On 22 March, UNHCR in collaboration with the Malian government facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 12 Central African refugees to their country of origin (the Central African Republic).

**SHELTER & NON-FOOD-ITEMS (NFIs) & WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)**

- During March, UNHCR distributed non-food kits to 621 refugees households in Labbezanga and Ansongo, in the Gao region.

- In Ménaka, at the refugee site, four blocks of public latrines were emptied of waste.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programs with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **USD 7,696,237 Million.**

**EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR MALI | USD**

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<td>Sweden</td>
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<td>Germany</td>
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**OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD**

Canada 3.9 million
Iceland | Private donors

**UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD**

Sweden 69 million | Norway 63.1 million | Denmark 35.6 million | Netherlands 34.1 million | Germany 23.1 million | Switzerland 18.9 million | Belgium 11.9 million | Ireland 11.9 million

Algeria | Australia | Bulgaria | Canada | Estonia | Finland | Iceland | Luxembourg | Malta | Monaco | Montenegro | New Zealand | Philippines | Republic of Korea | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Thailand | Turkey | Uruguay | Private donors

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